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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4665

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL CAPETOWN IMMEDIATE

DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 0853

CAPETWON ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAIR, SF, LI

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT TO LIBERIA

1. APPARENT HIGH LEVEL SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION ARRIVED  
LIBERIA COMPLETELY UNANNOUNCED BY AIR FEBURARY 11 AND PERSONNEL  
DEPARTING FEBRUARY 12.

2. ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA) MONROVIA CLOSED  
FOR QTE SECURITY REASONS UNQTE BY FONMIN DENNIS (IN PERSON)  
ABOUT 12:30 ON FEBRUARY 11 AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT IT WILL RE-  
MAIN CLOSED UNTIL 18:00 FEBRUARY 12. AFTER CLOSING, ONE UN-  
SCHEDULED FLIGHT PERMITTED LAND TO PICK UP PAN AM RELIEF CREW  
AND TAKE THEM DAKAR. RIA EMPLOYEES THEN ORDERED OFF FIELD AT 16:00  
EXCEPT FOR FEW PERSONS. FULLY ARMED SOLDIERS THEN DEPLOYED 3.7  
MILE PERIMETER OF FIELD. AT APPROX 18:15 BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT  
IDENTIFIED BY USG AND OTHER OBSERVERS AS SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINES  
LANDED AND STOPPED ON RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT SURROUNDED BY SOLDIERS,  
AND PASSENGERS TAKEN BY OFFICIAL MOTORCADE THROUGH FIRESTONE  
PLANTATION APPARENTLY EN ROUTE PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S HOME IN  
BENTOL SECURITY GUARD

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REMAINS DEPLOYED AROUND AIRCRAFT WHICH STILL ON RUNWAY, AND IT

BELIEVED THAT PART OF AIRCREW OR OTHER PERSONNEL REMAIN ON BOARD.

3. VIEW SECRECY AND DEGREE OF SECURITY SURROUNDING VISIT,  
EMBASSY ASSUMES HIGH LEVEL SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION  
(PERHAPS VORSTER HIMSELF) INVOLVED. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN  
INFORMATION RE CLOSING OF RIA WERE MADE WITH HIGH LEVEL GOL  
OFFICIALS AT ARMED FORCES DAY BALL EVENING FEBRUARY 11 TO NO AVAIL.  
ALL HIGH LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS PRESENT AT BALL.  
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